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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4081**  
Kenjiro TSUDA et al. : Docket No. 2001\_0886A  
Serial No. 09/869,175 : Group Art Unit 2673  
Filed September 21, 2001 :

PROGRAM SELECTION AND EXECUTION :  
DEVICE, DATA SELECTION AND  
EXECUTION DEVICE, IMAGE DISPLAY :  
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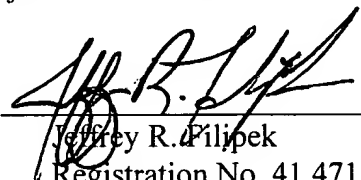
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- Japanese Published Patent Application No. Hei. 9-97154 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,898,435 and U.S. Patent No. 6,184,884.
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Respectfully submitted,

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